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Sen. Kuipers congratulates local medical organizations for improving patient care

LANSING — Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, today praised three local health-care organizations for receiving the 2005 Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Care in the Ambulatory Care Setting.

The award honors Michigan physician offices that perform quality initiatives in preventive care and chronic disease management. It is sponsored by MPRO, which is Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization, and the governor.

The organizations honored are:

- Spectrum Health Primary Care Partners, Campustowne Family Practice.
- Advantage Health Physicians Family Practice, Jenison office.
- Metro Health Jenison

"I want to thank these local organizations for the improvements they have made in providing Ottawa County residents with high-quality care that is improving patients' health and saving lives," Kuipers said.

MPRO is designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as Michigan's quality-improvement organization for the state's Medicare beneficiaries. Since 1984, MPRO has worked with health-care providers to improve the quality of health care in Michigan.

The local health-care providers were among 167 physician offices statewide to be recognized. The governor and MPRO held the awards ceremony today in Bath.

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